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In the absence of Mr. Šimonović (Croatia), Mr. Rosenthal (Guatemala), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/277 and 52/12 B (E/2002/67 and 73)

1. **Mr. Khan** (Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination), introducing the consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2002 (E/2002/73), said that, for the first time in seven years the Secretary-General had not submitted a progress report under the agenda item considered annually by the Council on implementation of the two seminal resolutions on reform, restructuring and revitalization of the economic and social fields, because most aspects of the issue had been dealt with in the present Council session either during the coordination segment under the theme of strengthening the Council or during the general segment under the topic of follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits. One important element not so far covered, however, was the work of the functional commissions. In the report, the Secretary-General had reviewed their work and their multi-year programmes of work, identified cross-sectoral themes and made recommendations for the Council's consideration. The Council might wish to give particular attention to the sub-items under recommendation 3 in paragraph 39 in order to give guidance to the functional commissions. Whether called management or guidance, he believed that such direction was an important part of the Council's work, so that the consistency and complementarity of the work of the functional commissions could be increased and the usefulness of their recommendations to the Council and the General Assembly for integrated follow-up to conferences enhanced.

The meeting rose at 10.35 a.m.